

**CITY OF KANKAKEE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I would like to call the meeting to order. We will start with a prayer by Pastor Dave Robinson from Genesis Community Ministries and go on to the pledge of allegiance by the City Council Members.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ROBERT ELLINGTON SNIPES:** I had the opportunity to talk with Councilmen...Alderman...regarding District... I told them I would bring it to Council floor but at this time, we are under discussion. We need additional information regarding businesses. I'm pro businesses...in the area and I try to help the businesses in the area to get what they want but we need to get some additional information. The Chief and a couple Firemen, Alderman in the respective Wards... 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>...we are working to get additional information. So, I will reserve my comments until we get a conclusive report and I may not have to address the issue.

**TIM NEHLS AND RESIDENT:** I am here for a follow up on River Stone Parkway drainage issues. We noticed that they came out, started then, they stopped. We are just wanting to follow up on that. It's just been an issue...You know what's going...we are trying ...homes but we can't with this going on. We want some answers. We appreciate your time.

**SUSANNA ELLEXSON:** I am the Director of Early Childcare Services of the YWCA Child Care Center. Thank you Mayor... Alderman and Alderwoman for allowing me to come here tonight announce and invite you personally to the screening documentary...No Small Matter at the Kankakee Public Library on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Admissions are free due to a private donor and a boxed lunch sponsored by Peoples Bank we be provided at no charge. The documentary focuses on early childhood education. Most of a child's brain is developed by the age of 5. Millions of children are not getting what they need, including children

in our own city. No Small Matter is a ...link film, National Engagement the brings public attention to quality care and education...the event will begin at 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Please RSVP to the YWCA. Flyers are on the back table.

**BRUCE LACOSTE:**

I run the Walgreens on Kennedy Drive. I have been in four different stores in the Kankakee/Bourbonnais area. We brought Velma along who on January 9<sup>th</sup> celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> year of service with Walgreens. She started out downtown, she has worked in all the other stores, and she has been invited to be recognized today for 50 years of service. Ms. Velma said she has five more years to work.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Congratulations to Ms. Velma. Thank you. Moving on to Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:**

**PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Present (0) Absent

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Department Heads.

**CLERK DUMAS:**

**PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel, Piggish, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Ellexson, Koehler, Brewer-Watson. Thank you.

## **MINUTES**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Moving on to the minutes for Monday, August 5th, 2019. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD COBBS:** I motion to approve.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any edits or discussions? All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed? Minutes are approved. There are no Petitions. Moving on to Communications.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- ITEM 8A:** Illinois Department of Transportation 2018 Motor Fuel Tax Compliance Review for the City of Kankakee (Information Only).
- NIEL PIGGUSH:** I have not seen the audit. I think they have been dealing with Elizabeth's office strictly with that.
- ELIZABETH KUBAL:** I don't have anything to add. The audit went very well.
- MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** That was in your packet, information only. Thank you. Moving on... I would like to combine Items 8B through 8J, all are street closures or noise permits...
- ITEM 8B:** Frederick Tetter and P. Carl Brown are Requesting Street Closure to Host a "Retirement Party" on Sunday, September 1, 2019, from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.
- ITEM 8C:** Coachlight Square/Neighbors in Riverview is Requesting Street Closure to Host Their "Neighborhood Block Party" on Sunday, October 12, 2019 from 11:00 A. M. until 4:00 P.M.
- ITEM 8D:** Jag's Bar is Requesting a Noise Permit and Street Closure to Host "Jags All White Day Party" on Sunday, September 1, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. with a rain date on Sunday, September 8, 2019
- ITEM 8E:** Power of Christ is Requesting Street Closure to Host their "7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic" on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. with rain date on Saturday, August 31, 2019
- ITEM 8F:** Bishop McNamara Catholic High School is Requesting Permission to Host their Annual "Homecoming Parade", on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. until 10:45 A.M.
- ITEM 8G:** ST. Patrick Church is Requesting Street Closure to Host the "Annual Half Paddy Festival" on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. through Sunday, September 15, 2019 until 12:00 Noon and on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 6:00 A. M. until 11:00 P.M.
- ITEM 8H:** Community Arts Council of Kankakee County is

Requesting Street Closure to Host the “Fall Arts Stroll” on Sunday, September 8, 2019, from 6:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

**ITEM 8I:** Staci Wilken on behalf of the Kankakee Riverfront Society, Inc., is Requesting Street Closure to Host the “Riverfront Fall Fest” on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M.

**ITEM 8J:** Kankakee Colts are Requesting Permission to Host their “Tag Day” on Saturday, August 24, 2019 with a rain date on Saturday, August 31, 2019.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** If there are no objections, may I have a motion to approve?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD PRUDE:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion?

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Item C...the Agenda has Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The correct date is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We will note that correction, Thank you. Any other discussion? All in favor?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion Carries. Moving on to Standing Committees.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ITEM 9A:** Building and Code – Alderwoman Malone Marshall  
The meeting was held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
Highlights include: We discussed the Code updates for 2018 and we will continue that discussion at our next meeting.

**ITEM 9B:** Ordinance – Alderman Tall. The meeting was held on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Highlights include: Amending Chapter 7 of our City Code to allow permitted use. We voted on it at our last meeting... that was the chicken ordinance...to allow chickens to be kept in the backyard.

**ITEM 9C:** Community Development – Alderwoman Swanson.  
The meeting was held on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
Highlights Include: Barbi Brewer-Watson provided a  
Power Point Presentation on CDA Housing and the plans  
for Community Outreach. Mike Hoffman provided a  
presentation on the Land Bank.

### **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Thank you. Moving on to the Report of Officers. May I have a motion to approve the Bills?

**ALD FAFORD:** I move that we approve the report of officers, place the money in the in the proper accounts and pay the bills in the amount of \$702,580.29

**ALD LEWIS:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion made by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien (abstain on check #75302), Gall (abstain on check #75321), Malone Marshall, Prude  
**PRESENT:** Tall, Crawford  
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (2) Present

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion Carries. We have no Unfinished Business. Moving on to Item 12A New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 12A:** Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Surplus of the City of Kankakee – City Clerk's Office – and Authorizing the Sale Thereof (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the Ordinance?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the Ordinance on final passage?

**ALD TETTER:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussions? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

**ITEM 12B:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Section 231 Entitled "Handicapped Parking" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee Handicapped Parking Sign Established at 146 South Fraser Avenue (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** So move.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

**ALD CRAWFORD:** So move.

**ALD OSENGA:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Crawford and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Any discussion? Roll Call...

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We have no Appointments but I anticipate we will fill positions in September. Moving on to Items 13A.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ITEM 13A:** Proclamation Declaring August 22, 2019, as "No Small Matter Day", in Kankakee County to Build Awareness Regarding the importance of Early Childcare and Education (*Director Sandra Knight introduces Board members and Staff. The Mayor reads Resolution...*).

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to adopt the Proclamation?

**ALD SWANSON:** So move Mayor.

**ALD O'BRIEN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. All in favor, Aye?

**COUNCIL:** Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign? It has been adopted. Moving on to Item 13B.

**ITEM 13B:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Collection Services Agreement Re: Municipal Collections of America, Inc., and City of Kankakee Fire Department.

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** This has been discussed in Public Safety, Budget and Ordinance Committees. Thanks for everybody's input. Are there any additional questions or comments?

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** In short, this is a program for collections?

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** For unpaid ambulance bills. People will be sent will be sent to this company for possible payment.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** There is no cost to the City upfront...the Agency tacks on their fee and take a percentage...

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** No cost to the City...unless they are successful in collecting money then they take their fee out of that.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** We found that this is more efficient for us instead of the City having the burden of legal fees and having personnel do notices. We found this to be more cost efficient. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD SWANSON:** I would like to make that motion.

**ALD BROWN:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion?

**ALD TETTER:** What would you say annually is the amount...collected?

**CHIEF SCHULDT:** In 2017, over \$200K was not collected. Most collection Agencies I called had a 14-18 percent collection rate. So, if you take a rate of 15 percent...leaves about \$27K we could collect. It could be more or less. It's hard to say.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Roll Call please.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C.

**ITEM 13C:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Contract with the Kankakee County Trustee Acquiring Tax Delinquent Property (380 West River Street) through the



Tax Liquidation Program.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This property was familiar to me and I spoke with Kris before the meeting. This was a demo that we had and is now up for tax sale. Kris, is it \$807.00?

**KRIS SCHMITZ:** \$847.00 ...

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** \$847.00 to Acquire & File Paperwork. Motion to approve

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any questions? Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**PRESENT:** Tall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Present

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13D.

**ITEM 13D:** Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with the Kankakee County Trustee Acquiring Tax Delinquent Property (260 West River Street) Through the Tax Liquidation Program.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** This property is the same \$847.00. May I have a motion to approve?

**ALD LEWIS:** So move.

**ALD MALONE MARSHALL:** Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Discussion? Roll Call.

**CLERK DUMAS:** **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude  
**PRESENT:** Tall  
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Present

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motion carries. We do not have a need for Executive Session. Moving on to Item 16.

### **ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS**

**ALD CRAWFORD:**

I would like to make a comment about something that was supposed to be on the agenda tonight and got removed. Back on June 27<sup>th</sup> we had an Economic Development meeting. We had MJP Development come in and present possible development in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward on Rt. 113. This development is going to be somewhere between \$8-12 Million; Patio Homes...I don't know why it was taken off. I talked to the developer about 2 weeks before they were going to come to City Council and they had people flying in from out of town. The Chairperson of Economic Development called the Mayor's office to make sure they were on the agenda. They were supposed to be on, they made plane & hotel reservations. The Thursday before this meeting, they got a txt message saying they would not be on the agenda. One of the txt messages that went out said the Mayor will not support anything that Dave Crawford is backing and this is a development that is going to bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to the city. That is ridiculous for us not to be sitting down and listening. One of the other explanations was the Mayor is going to send this development to Barbi Brewer-Watson to examine what the cost analysis is. There is no cost analysis...I think it is ridiculous to stop development.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Any other Alderman comments? Alderman Crawford, I did not get a call from you. This went to Economic Development. That was the instruction on the Agenda. It was not pulled of tonight's Agenda. It was never on Tonight's Agenda. On the Economic Development Agenda, it was listed information only. So out of respect for the Chairman who was not present which is Alderman Tetter; he asked that it only be information. We have not declined this because we are still looking into information. We have Hoffman looking into this as the Planner. These are going to be treated as Modular Homes...Capital Team has discussed this. At this time, being treated as Modular Homes, we will not get the tax revenue as a regular home. Now we are not going to go back and forth. You had your time to talk now it's my time. So, the Capital Team is researching this matter. I spoke with Mr. Bennet and asked

him if we could go out and see some of these that have been developed. He mentioned Manteno so we will follow up and do that. I don't know who you spoke to but you didn't talk to me. Moving on, I want to let you all know the CVB...the Village of Bradley has directed their hotel tax away from the CVB. Right now, their hotel tax is being held in escrow at the County. They don't have access to the taxes and neither does the CVB. There is a court date to address this and I will keep you updated on that. Follow up regarding Council Meetings for those of you that came in, I mentioned in the previous meeting tonight that the tree stumps are being worked on. Dennis was at ESU tonight and gave an explanation...we are short staffed in DPW but they are doing their best to manage the resources they have due to injuries and vacations. Also, the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman brought up concerns about Duane Blvd and Ernie Lopez is looking into that. I will follow up with you. He emailed me today to let me know that he hasn't forgotten and he will get back to me. Neil has to reschedule our traffic meeting to look at signage and safety issues. Budget and Ordinance Committees will have joint meetings Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> primarily because of the cannabis ordinance.

**CLERK DUMAS:**

Each Chairman send me a notice so we can get that properly posted please.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** I just want to say, I will be having a medical procedure at the end of this month. Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 3, due to Labor Day. I have already spoken to Alderman Brown. If I am not able to be here he will Chair the meeting per our Ordinance as Mayor Pro Tem.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** May I have a motion to adjourn?

**ALD TETTER:**

So move.

**ALD COBBS:**

Second.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Motioned by Alderman Tetter. Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. All in favor aye?

**COUNCIL:**

Aye.

**MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG:** Opposed same sign. We are adjourned.